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good and **pleasant**
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together in **unity!**

Psalm 133:1, NRSV

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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August 20, 2023 ~ 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting

Rev. Timothy Monroe

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

(Coronation) Arr. by Jeff Anderson

The Blairsville Brass

Call to Worship (*Psalm 133*)

Bobbi Monroe, Liturgist

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!

**People: It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**People: For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life for evermore.**

*Hymn # 9 “Come, Let Us Praise the Lord”

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord our God, we confess that we do not reflect your glory. You invite us to live together in unity; we allow family drama to drive us apart. You welcome all to the table of grace; we turn away strangers asking for crumbs. Forgive us; restore and reorder our lives by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, so that we may be one as you are one, sharing the blessing of life forevermore, to the glory of your holy name.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Special Music

“To God Be the Glory”

Arr. by Jeff Anderson

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon

Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

*Hymn # 476

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer *(debt...and debtors...)*

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Arr. by K. Kerin

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 473

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Sonata from Die Bankelsangerlieder”
Anonymous

*(*All who are able, please stand)*

PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Bobbi Monroe; Special Music, The Blairsville Brass; Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Irwin; Usher, Alan Lowman.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Linda George.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in thanks to God for 64 years of marriage by Lee and Bunny Ednie.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group works on personal projects and fellowships. If you enjoy needlework, you're invited to bring a project you're working on and join the group.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Linda George or the church office. All requests are kept confidential unless permission is given to share with others.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS are reminded to check their mailboxes in the hallway by the office.

VOLUNTEERS to assist during the worship service are always needed. There are a variety of ways you can become involved as an assistant.

Usher/Greeter—welcome those coming in for worship and hand them a bulletin; answer questions; and carry the offering plate forward.

Liturgist—assist the minister, from the pulpit, by leading the Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession and reading scripture

Audio-Visual Tech—after training, take your turn in rotation to run the sound and slides from the balcony during worship, and live-stream the service for those at home.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will begin Wednesday rehearsals on September 6th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We would love to have new voices join the choir! Many of our seasoned members will not be able to be with us this fall. If you are interested in singing in the choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. All are welcome!

OUR BELL CHOIR rehearsals will begin at 6:00 p.m. on September 6th, the first Wednesday after Labor Day. We need 1 or 2 more ringers to complete our 2-octave choir and 3 or 4 more ringers to be able to play our 3-octave music. If you have ever thought of giving handbells a try, please contact Vicky Westley. We can plan a time to meet so you can “test it out” before committing to ringing with the Bell Choir.

OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE begins Sunday, September 10th. The worship hour will begin at 11:00 a.m. and our Chancel Choir will be back with us. Our plans for Sunday School continue to be discussed. Please watch your weekly bulletins for updates.

AFTER A BREAK for the summer months, our Board of Deacons will begin gathering for monthly meetings starting in September. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 5th at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE, articles to be published in the September edition of the UPLIFT newsletter are due to the church office this week. Please call the church office if you need more information.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Monday Music Club
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop
Thursday	2:00 p.m.	Stitching Group
	6:30 p.m.	Blairsville Brass Rehearsal
Friday	5:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall reserved
Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary reserved
Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship
